Subject: German East-African gold coin (1916)

Sporrer, Josef

[Passau, Bavaria

Germany]

1921

Passau, 18. September 1921

To the American Numismatic Society
Broadway
and 156. Street
N. Y. C.

I got the advice of an American to ask you because of the value of a gold coin. – I have to sell a coin, made in German-East-Africa during the war-year 1916. The Government had given out nearly 2000 such pieces of gold. The coin-press was dismembered a short time afterwards. Very many coins of this sort are lost in German-East-Africa and another places. In India-East-was given 200 Ruppies for 1 piece (1919). In Germany, I heard so, they had paid £1000 and another time still more. I know, the coin must have a value. But what pays a German to day for it?

The value to be called of this coin is fifteen rupees. ~~They~~ It is made at Tabora (please see the letter T beneath

the elephant. Over the elephant are to see the mountains of G.-East-Africa – Kilimanjaro and Mawenzi. – Impression of it is lying on.

Please give me answer what or pay for this coin at you in America.

Also I have to sell a tenhellers piece (brass) made of patron shells also during the war. (value?)

In advance thankering for your troubles

Remain
most respectfully
Josef Sporrer,
Bezirksamts-Assistent
Passau
Elzstadt
Freijunger-Strasse 52
Bavaria.

Josef Sporrer
Bezirksamts Assistent
Passau
Elzstadt
Freijunger Strasse 52
Bavaria

October 6th, 1921

Mr. Josef Sporrer
Bezirksamts Assistent
Passau-Ilzstadt
Freijunger-Strasse 52
Bavaria

Dear Sir:

Your favour concerning the German East-Africa 15-rupee piece at hand.

Although the first one of these that appeared in England brought quite a high price, so many have now come from German East Africa that they are common and bring less than Ten Dollars each. Many English officers brought them back, and the English Government bought up, as I understand it, 1500 of these, and they have been placed on the market. As a number have been sent to this country, I doubt if any more are desired over here.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E